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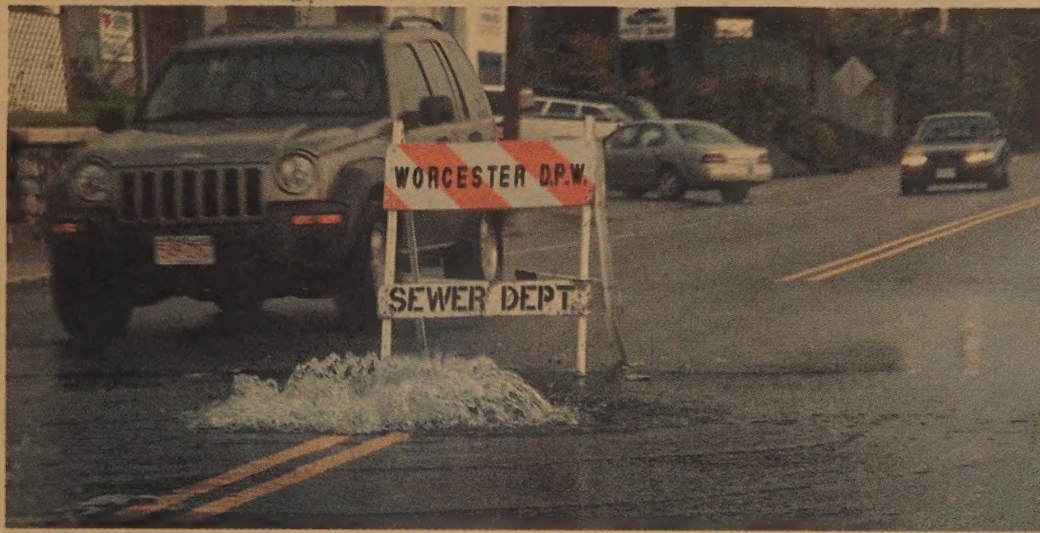
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Flooding causes relocation of WSC students, problems for Worcester Residents



Heavy rains cause sewers to back up in parts of Worcester
Photo by Kyle Costello

Kyle Costello
Editor-in-Chief

Over a week of rain has caused some big problems for Worcester and its surrounding areas, and has caused quite an inconvenience for Worcester State College students. Worcester County received between 10 and 12 inches of rain since last Friday, according to the National Weather Service. It had been raining consistently since October 7 up until Saturday, October 15, at which time Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney declared a state of emergency. A similar declaration was made by the governors of New Hampshire and New Jersey. A state of emergency allows National Guard troops to be activated and stationed in areas of need during the emergency. It also allows for civil liberties to be limited in the interest of public safety and emergency management.

The effects of the flooding were widespread and severe. Much of downtown Worcester and areas neighboring Kelley Square were under several inches of water. Neighboring towns like Millbury and Auburn were affected as well. Even after the rain subsided and flood waters began to drain, thousands of Worcester residents were left with flooded basements and intermittent power. Power had been discontinuous at best until Sunday, at which time it was restored in most of Worcester. Nearby Millbury however, experienced a short power outage on Sunday.

On a smaller but equally important level, the effects of the flooding were disappointing for those at Worcester State for the weekend. A blown transformer in Chandler Village left most of the campus without power, aside from backup generators in Wasylean Hall and Dowden Hall. The power went off at approximately

5:00 a.m. on Saturday and stayed off until approximately Saturday at midnight. Soon after the power went out, the call was made to cancel homecoming activities. The weekend was to be one of WSC's most eventful, and would have featured the Harvest Festival and the Lancers' Homecoming tailgating festivities. Siblings and parents were on campus for the festivities and for the sibling sleepover that had been held on Friday, October 14. The reschedule date for the Harvest Festival had not been determined at press time.

The most distressing result of the power outage however, was the lack of access to email services for nearly 24 hours both during the power outage and beyond. WSC's community system, which includes Blackboard, LancerMail, and WebAdvisor is dependent on power to function, and when the campus experienced a loss of power, the system could not be accessed because the information was unavailable. The effects were felt by all those who rely on the services. Students and administrators alike were frustrated by the lack of email access. "Email access is something that's really important to students," said Alex Bouley, a resident on campus, "and it was a huge inconvenience to be without it for so long."

The problems resulting from the power outage did not stop at the lack of email access the cancellation of the Harvest Festival, however—for residents the problem was more serious. Because power had been out since early morning and fire detection systems were non-operational, Residence Life requested that all students leave campus for the weekend if possible. By 11:00 a.m. Resident Assistants

and Resident Directors were distributing flyers with information about the situation and advising students to seek alternate housing for the weekend. Students who were unable or unwilling to leave campus for the night were relocated to the gym building by 7:00 p.m. The number of students who were relocated to the gym was between 15 and 25 out of roughly 1000 on-campus residents, according to Associate Director of Residence Life Adrian Gage. Fortunately, cots were provided by the Red Cross for students, and televisions and Xboxes were provided by SEC and Surreal Games, respectively. Chartwell's also provided snacks and drinks for the displaced students. By midnight, MassElectric had repaired the blown transformer and began to power up one building at a time. When it was clear that the repair was successful, students were able to return to their newly re-powered dorms, and by 12:30 all students were back in the residence halls.



The Curse of Spider Gates

Kristin Yeager
Managing Editor

Deep in the woods of Leicester, Massachusetts a legend exists. Known for its webbed gates and aged headstones, Spider Gates Cemetery has been a place of much speculation for years. As rumors run rampant and superstitions get the best of some, many stories circulating about Spider Gates are questionable. Aside from the fact that the cemetery's actual name is Quaker or Friends Cemetery, there is not a great deal of known history about Spider Gates. If you are one to be pleased by ghost stories though, you should appreciate this legend.

If rumors were true, Spider Gates is a place haunted by the apparitions of suicide, sacrifice, rituals, disappearances, initiations and more. Because rumors are often blown far out of proportion, it is illusory whether or not many of these events actually happened. True or untrue though, Spider Gates could be the spawn of many nightmares. The most prominent attributes of Spider Gates immediately thought of upon hearing the name are the eight gates, the hanging tree, the altar, and the cave. Although there are not eight visible gates or entrance ways into Spider Gates, the significance of this idea is due to the belief that there are eight passage ways marked by tree stumps or various objects of nature. When one passes through each of the 'gates' in sequence, it is said to form an entrance to hell. The hanging tree is a forked tree that stands adjacent to the main entrance gate. Speculation has that it was named the Hanging Tree in the 1980's after a disturbed teenage boy took his own life by hanging himself from the larger limb. There is no documentation of his death, which in turn, has caused many spectators to falsify this theory. The altar is centrally located inside the stonewall. Upon entering the cemetery, one will notice that a twenty by twenty foot perimeter is lined with trees. Within these trees, the ground rises. Ritualistic ceremonies and animal sacrifices are said to have taken place upon this altar. Although the cave is not inside the walls of Spider Gates, the events that took place there are believed to be linked to the notorious cemetery. Many people cannot find the cave after experiencing Spider Gates but in the mid 1990's there are stories that a young girl, wanting time away from her family, ventured to this cave and did not return. Later, she was found dead and mutilated under a large heap of leaves.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter out of frustration. There are many things on this campus that bother me, many of which I cannot change, and many that even an atomic bomb couldn't change. However, there is one thing that I believe that can and should be changed and changed quickly. That is the content and quality of the food on campus.

Recently, due to medical issues I have converted myself to being Vegan (no animal products or by-products). This has made me think in many ways about the way I live, the way I used to eat, and the way I feel about myself. Not to get on a soapbox (one not tested on animals mind you, and purchased at The Body Shop), but I would urge many readers to change their eating habits for one month and live their lives in a completely different way.

My concern is with, as I stated earlier, the content and the quality of the food on campus. Now that my grocery shopping life is consumed by reading ingredient labels, I know what I can and cannot eat under this strict dietary code. In a quick scan of the "food court" on campus, the only thing that is marginally Vegan is the Hummus Wrap (sans ranch dressing), the Gardenburger (sans mystery sauce) from Coyote Jack's, the Odwalla Drinks and finally, the fruit salad. I feel that considering the purported diversity of the campus, the desire for everyone to live more healthful lives, and the current state of the United States culture to remove "junk foods" from public schools across the country, we should be offering more choices that are Vegetarian and Vegan friendly.

To (not) beat a dead horse, parking is the other side of this issue for me. Having to be here at 8:30 in the morning and risking life and limb just to find a parking spot makes my food choices confined to what is available on campus. I do not want to go back to my car, leave my spot, go someplace where I can find something Vegan, just to come back and have to relocate a parking spot. This is a waste of gas, time and more importantly, MONEY.

Now I know that people reading this are asking themselves "why don't you pack a lunch at home?" Here's the answer to that: I work a full 40 hour job, and come here on my days off of work. Between the retail hours that I work, and the homework assignments that I have, I barely have time to workout, cook myself dinner, pack a lunch and sleep.

Now I put it on everyone reading this to respond and demand the same thing: Healthier choices in food, as well as more Vegan and Vegetarian friendly items.

I thank you for your time and attention,
Hungry for lentils

Dear Editor,

I hear a lot about "gay marriage" and everyone seems to be hotly debating the issue, with some people waving banners about "equal rights" and others chanting about the need to "keep marriage sacred". And while I generally keep my opinion to myself, I have been asked to come out and speak up, so I shall.

Personally, I am wondering what all the fuss is about. There seems to be a lot of people getting awfully worked up about very little. Okay, so people want marriage for both hetero and homosexuals. So what? Do we not have this already? But then I hear people who claim that the law does not treat heterosexuals and homosexuals equally. They want to be treated the same. Well, I hate to break it to you, but you're not the same. You have a different relationship with your chosen spouse than with the people that you argue against. If you are a heterosexual couple, then you have a relationship that exists in every species of mammal on the globe: copulate and reproduce, there is a purpose in the action that you take. If you are a homosexual couple, then your acts of passion are simply that and cannot further the species. Often times, it is the "religious right" that takes the brunt of the enmity from proponents of gay marriage. I have to say though, most religious people are not evolutionist and evolution itself argues against homosexual reproduction. After all, it doesn't happen, does it? When two consenting adults decide to enter a union between themselves, they do so. They live out their lives and may very well die with the same partner that they decided to take years before. This can happen whether the couple in question is of the same gender or not. The difference comes in when a couple of different genders reproduces and creates off-spring, prolonging the existence of the race, passing on genes in a fashion which ensures the survival of the species.

But let's put the whole issue of children aside, shall we? Let's get down to what both sides want. The "pro-gay" side wants equality, with the tax breaks and everything else that come with it. Well, most of those tax breaks are designed to help families afford to raise children. And when two adults are living

together under one roof, instead of paying for separate housing, electricity, water and everything else that come with it, then they are already saving money. Because that's what that part is about, right? The money? But perhaps it's not. I know that when one member of a gay couple dies with out a will, their possessions are given to their family to distribute as they wish, instead of the surviving partner. If this is the problem, would it not be easier to simply make a will? Or perhaps, if you want to keep from possibly "inconveniencing" people by keeping their legal affairs in order, then you could most likely enact legislation aiding the members of such unions with a great deal less resistance than is currently being experienced.

Now, most of what I have heard against "gay marriage" is it being called "marriage". It's not about the taxes, or the money, or the inheritance, or what have you. It's about the name. Then is that such a big deal? Call it something different!! It describes something different after all: I mean, I know that there are people who are very hard-line and refuse to accept a different name, but if it describes something different, then it deserves a different name! Cats and dogs, gerbils and rabbits, hamsters and birds, these are all pets, but we give them different names. Why? Because they are different. A relationship wherein the members are of different genders is innately different from one where the members are of the same gender. And it's just that simple.

So what is the stunning conclusion this column? There isn't one. At least, not yet. Because that isn't for me to write, not alone. It's for everyone who reads this to decide when they go out and vote. Because this is your world, with your rules: and if you don't like then, change them. That's the power inherent in a democratic system. But that vote won't be for a while, so in the meantime, if you feel like having your opinion expressed, if this made sense to you, or made you want to scream; if you took the time to read this, write a response to the Student Voice. You can e-mail your response editorial to studentvoice@worchester.edu.

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While Rain Pours, Worcester State Shines

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

Most of the college awoke on Saturday morning to the realization that the electricity had failed, attributed at once to the several days of torrential rain that had battered WSC and culminated in a blown transformer in Chandler Village. As the day progressed it became obvious that this was not to be a quick fix problem and Campus Police informed students to leave the campus if possible or be asked to spend the night in the Gym.

Students deserted the campus in droves, either going home or accepting invitations from friends, but for the few left behind the gym was to be their temporary home for the night. Once inside it became obvious that, while not the Hilton hotel, the campus staff were certainly doing their best to make everyone as comfortable as possible.

Several impromptu games of basketball ensued, as did consumption of the snacks and drinks that were provided by the college. Finally, video games and movies entertained the weary until they could return to their rooms.

Time seemed to pass slowly, however an atmosphere of camaraderie existed as people lay on bunks and chatted, unable to utilize many of the material possessions that make up so much of life today. Decks of cards and board games entertained some, while others just took the opportunity to nap if they could.

Some were more impressed with the organization than others. One student commented: "I think this is crazy. None of us knew that this was going to happen. They didn't tell us what to bring and they won't let us back into our rooms because they've changed the locks for the night. However, they've given us

food and snacks which is a good thing."

Another added: "I thought it was going to be fun; it's not so fun though because no one's here. The cots are kind of stinky; although it was nice of whoever donated them, but they are kind of wiggly and I'm worried they might fall down."

Most though were ambivalent to the proceedings, just accepting it as something that happens and had to be dealt with.

"Well this is New England weather, this is how it comes and this is the way it goes. If you don't like the weather wait ten minutes because it always changes. It was raining and now it's not, yet we're still affected by the rain somehow. This situation is caused by the weather and we wouldn't be here if it hadn't rained and affected the power."

Just after midnight the news came in that everyone had been waiting for; the dorms had re-opened. As the weary picked up their beds and walked back to their rooms it was obvious that something unique had occurred that night. Everyone had had the chance to experience life without all the trappings of materialism, even if just for a few hours.

For one student at least, a little perspective had been gained: "Now I can, not fully relate, but somewhat relate more to the Tsunami and what happened in New Orleans, how they're suffering and how difficult it is not to have power."

For a short time at least, student life at WSC became a little less frenetic and, for the small amount of students in the gym, an opportunity arose to take a step back and re-evaluate what effect such events have on us all. That in itself made the experience invaluable.



Worcester State College Poll

What are WSC students favorite Halloween themed movies?

Hocus Pocus – 36%

Halloween (series) – 20%

The Nightmare Before Christmas – 19%

Other – 14%

Sleepy Hollow – 11%



All Hallows Eve

By Christopher Degen
Staff Writer

What is it that draws audiences to more macabre films at this time of the year? October is notorious for the premiere of horror/thriller movies. In this month alone, Hollywood will open the likes of "The Fog", "Saw 2" and "Doom." But what is the reason that October has become synonymous with such genres? The most obvious is naturally Halloween, a day that in today's culture is little more than an excuse for free candy.

Originally, however, the day had a much different meaning. In the beginning, the tradition was typically found in Irish-Catholic villages. In preparation for November 1st (All Saints Day), the villagers would dress up as specters and cause small amounts of destruction and havoc in order to scare any evil spirits away from the town.

This practice did not reach America until the mid 1800's with the migration of Irish, from the potato famine, where over time it has become the mass marketed candy spree it is today. The result is a slew of films which promise ghoulish scares to the audience. On the other hand, many of the films that deal with Halloween are marketed to children, such as "The Nightmare Before Christmas", "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown", and "Hocus Pocus" offering few scares, but rather fun that can be appreciated by everyone in the family.

But still where does the attraction for the morbid come from? Could it be psychological lure? As the year winds down and the leaves drift off of the trees, leaving them bare and skeletal, people begin anticipating the "dead" months of winter. With the lively green leaves of summer turning to red and brown, it acts as the perfect symbol for the natural process of oncoming death, before the eventual rebirth in the spring. Perhaps the draw is, as such, more mental in origin.

Regardless of the reason, films that give scares are still in high demand and will be as long as the general public still has the yearning to feel the hairs on the back of their neck prickle, their breath catch in their throat, and blood run cold.

Senate puts the "Woo!" in Woo- State Weekend

Brandon Huggon
Contributor

So, some of you may asking yourselves "What is Woo-State Weekend?" Well, let me break it down for you. We, the Student Senate, are a bit troubled by what we see going on in Student Organizations. Where's the love? We have gone far too long without seeing Student Organizations working together in peace and harmony. THIS MUST CHANGE!!

What is the solution you ask? That's where we come in! Woo-State weekend is a way for Senate, as the mother organization for all organizations here at Worcester State College, to bring representatives from different Student Organizations together to discuss different ways to run their designated groups.

The weekend includes a grouping of seminars to help you look at leadership from a different angle, and helps to acquaint you with students like yourself that you may not have known before. Serving as a "get to know your student leader" type of seminar, this student-run conference also includes games, brain teasers, and FREE FOOD! C'mon, now who doesn't enjoy some of the smaller pleasures in life like free food?

Now, while we can't tell you everything, we have a couple surprises in store and a few guest appearances from several well-known Worcester State College figures. Still need convincing? You shouldn't! But if you have any other questions on what we are, what we do, or what the HECK you're getting yourself into, feel free to contact SGA/Senate! Our e-mail is sga@worchester.edu, or you can choose to e-mail one of the several coordinators listed below to contact for more information regarding Student Senate or Woo-State Weekend. We'd better see you there October 21, 22, and 23! Don't miss the action!

Question of the Week

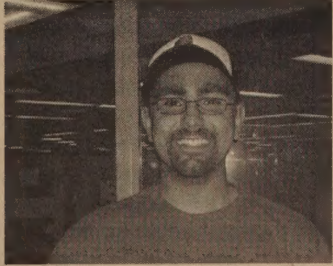
What is your opinion on same sex marriage?

Andrew Racin



"I think there shouldn't be marriage to begin with and that's it"

Mike Lambias



"I don't care, as long as it doesn't affect me."

Alycia Barney



"I think it should definately be legal."

Virginia Clifford



"I'm okay with it."

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Three suits of armor at the Higgins Armory Museum
Photo by Jeff Moffett

A Trip Into The Past at the Higgins Armory Museum

Jeff Moffett
Layout Manager

As much as I love Worcester State College, I am pretty tired of it. Don't get me wrong, it's a nice place and there is usually something for me to do to, to bide my time. With this being said, I don't think I am alone in stating that I'd love if there was more to do in the area. There just does not seem to be anything of interest though.

If that last paragraph sounded anything like you, keep reading. I am about to shed light on a place I'm sure many of you have never even heard of. The Higgins Armory Museum on 100 Barber Avenue in Worcester provides a journey into the past with exhibits on armory from around the world.

The museum was built in 1929 by John Woodman Higgins, for whom the museum is named after. It began simply as Higgins's own personal collection. After his death in 1961, the museum and its contents were given to the public and entrusted to a public governing board.

The first thing about this museum is the building that houses it. This four story structure is more reminiscent of an old factory than a museum. Once inside, however, it feels much more like a traditional museum that one may have been to.

This museum showcases dozens of suits of armor from different countries and decades. It has everything from Roman armor all the way to World War I helmets. The museum also has an ample collection of weaponry, including swords, spears, and muskets. In all, the museum has some 3,000 pieces of armor, 500 swords, and 100 firearms. Information on the age, weight, and country of origin is given for each piece in the museum.

My favorite part of the museum was a large room on the second floor. Here you could try on numerous battle helmets ranging from a roman helmet to World War Two helmets. There was one that looked like the Black Night's helmet from Monty Python's "Holy Grail". There was also an oversized chess board, which I have vowed to play a complete game with some day.

Along with the regular exhibits, the museum usually also has special events going on. On Saturdays, the museum puts on fencing classes. Other events include long sword demonstrations and informational sessions on Vikings, among others.

The Museum's gift shop was also interesting. Here, you could buy a vast array of things related to Armory. There were medieval helmets, swords, breastplates, and goblets, among other things. I personally bought a pencil sharpener that was also a working trebuchet. Sadly, the trebuchet broke soon after I returned home.

If you are a history buff, the Higgins Armory Museum is for you. For the rest of us, I would still recommend taking the trip. For only eight dollars, you get four full floors to explore. Whether you like history or not, weapons and armor are just plain cool.

The museum is open from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday. It is open 12 P.M. to 4 P.M. Sundays and is closed Mondays and most holidays. For more information on the museum and a list of all ongoing events, go to the museum's website at www.higgins.org.



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Spider (continued from front page)

The list I have produced here is a mere sample of the events believed to take place at Spider Gates. Like most aged and remote cemeteries, Spider Gates has certainly gained a sinister reputation, a reputation capable of rendering some fine spooky tales. There are often times where people cannot even find the cemetery, never mind penetrate its gates. If you find yourself to be so lucky, you can decide for yourself whether Spider Gates holds more than just looming trees and mossy headstones.

Please Note: Spider Gates Cemetery is a family cemetery and is owned by the Worcester-Pleasant Street Friends Meeting. Regardless of the aforementioned potential history, Spider Gates is still a resting place for the deceased and should be respected just as any other cemetery would be. Spider Gates is regularly patrolled by the Worcester Police Department and if you do decide to visit, count on being confronted. Any activity deemed inappropriate on this property will not be tolerated and the possibility of arrest is present.

Midnight Madness Review

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

A thoroughly damp evening thankfully didn't affect the turnout for Midnight Madness on October 14th, in fact it added to the atmosphere as people dried out in unison on the benches.

As the teams warmed up and had a chance to show off their shooting skills the crowd was whipped into a frenzy by the displays of several members of both the women's and men's teams.

Members of the crowd were invited to join a shooting contest with a promise of fabulous prizes to the participants who got the most baskets. After a shaky start several contestants ended up walking away with sweatshirts and other souvenirs.

The 2005/06 Basketball teams were introduced amid much ceremony, bursting through banners and greeted by cheering. Then the games began, each team displaying their prowess for the benefit of an appreciative crowd. Free pizza also went down very well along with showcase matches from each team which displayed their readiness for the coming season with tight fought games that ended very closely scored. Rival teams be warned, the Lancers are aiming for the top this season!

Faculty Profile: Dr. Maureen Power

Courtney Towson
Editor-in-Chief

A passion, an enthusiasm, and a whole lot of dedication and hard work.

That is what Dr. Maureen Power brings with her to not only to students, but to the whole community in and around Worcester State College. "Dr. Power is a remarkable woman," says Stacy Gonsalves, a student of Power. "She knows that there is always a solution to the problems and is willing to find it... no matter what it takes."

Her recent efforts in the war against hunger in Worcester County have earned her "The Victory Against Hunger Award," which was presented by Representative James P. McGovern on Tuesday, October 11, 2005. The entire Urban Studies program was recognized by the Congressional Hunger Center, a non-profit anti-hunger leadership training organization located in Washington, DC, for their efforts in the fight against hunger in Worcester County.

Although the award was presented to Dr. Powers, she refused to hold the focus alone. "I didn't look at it as an award for me," Power explained while spooning soup out of a clear plastic container, "I see it rather as an award for the students and the college. I feel that it is a really special recognition for the WSC students that are making an effort in the fight against hunger in Worcester County."

Urban Studies is a rapidly growing department on campus with only five faculty members, including Power. They are a tight-knit group that one second can debate the issues pertaining to poverty in Worcester and the next second jovially ponder where their three extra coffee makers should go. The faculty and students aren't there just for the "three R's," instead they take a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding urban life. One vital part of this is service learning; an approach to education that puts students in the field doing volunteer work in the Worcester Country area.

"We use classic textbooks, but the world and the community become our textbooks," says Power, who teaches Human Needs and Social Policy. The program has collaborated with Rachel's Table, Brigham Hill Community Farm, Project Bread, and other various soup kitchens and food pantries in the area to give students a place to put their education into action and the city a helping hand.

One large scale project that the students and Power have worked on is a partnership with St. Paul's food pantry to raise awareness of food stamps for Massachusetts residents in need. "We have discovered that in Massachusetts, food stamps are the most underutilized of any other state in the US," says Power. "We rank number 50, the absolute bottom."

To remedy this problem, the Urban Studies Dept. has been given a grant from Project Bread is used to bring computers into St. Paul's to aid people in receiving food stamps.

Another program that Power has created is the Intergeneration Urban Institute. "This is our niche," says Power, who is now Executive Director of the IUI. The IUI has created a connection between young and old, and has produced such programs as Immigrant Tutoring and Teen and Parent Mentoring, and is the main driving force behind almost everything connected with service learning in her department. Power and the IUI have also received the Irving Yarock award for Community leadership in the field of aging.

"Having intergeneration classrooms is an exciting and wonderful part of professional life here at Worcester State," says Power. "Tapping into the energy in the classrooms and finding a constructive outlet for it" is one of Power's passions she says.

Power finds the energy and enthusiasm of the students and faculty here at WSC to be unique to the school and the kinds of applicants that it attracts. "This is a working people's college," says Power. "It's a real privilege to work with these students; they are the best students and deserve the most from their education."

And that is what Power tries to give them, the best education that she and the rest of the Urban Studies Department can. "We're a team," she says of the bond between faculty and students. "There is cohesiveness and spirit that makes it possible to take on even the most challenging risks,"

Power believes that the experiences gained through service learning and community interaction are integral to the college education not only in Urban Studies, but the college as a whole. "I am anxious to push the college to do more of this type of service," she says. "I wish the administration would do more to support the faculty in this. WSC really doesn't have enough funding to support a large-scale service learning program, but we could do more, a lot more. I feel that we could really make a difference."

Power doesn't stop at the Worcester County line with her efforts. In November, she will be presenting in Boston at the Mass Service Alliance Conference about Pushing the Policy Perspective in Service Learning. In March, she will head to Anaheim, California to present information on the "Civic engagements of elders and youth, working together to create a hunger free Worcester County" the American Society on Aging.

Service Learning requires a lot of work on the part of both the students and Power. "It's satisfying though," she says. "We put food on people's tables. By the end of the year students come to the realization that they can make a difference, they can make things better. And even though they may complain during the semester, at the end, many of them come to me and say 'thank you.'"



Musical Matters



Horror and Madness at the DCU Center

Bobby Fournier
Staff Writer

Are you a horror freak? Do bloody screams, unstoppable boogeymen, and death turn you on? If so, then the Rock and Shock Fest at the DCU Center was the place to be during Columbus Day weekend. The convention included many independent vendors of horror merchandise, celebrities from popular slasher flicks, and movie screenings of popular films such as John Carpenter's *The Fog* and George A. Romero's updated version of *Land of the Dead*. With a hall full of Vendors, Celebrities, walking freaks in costume, and movie screenings, there was no wonder why the Rock and Shock Fest was heaven for the true worshipper of horror.

Impressive was a weak word for the festival. With numerous vendors selling merchandise that one could only find with an extensive search on the Internet, nobody could ask for more. There were Indie slasher films, clothing apparel, and other memorabilia that horror fanatics would literally die for. Vast arrays of jewelry were at all corners of the hall. Even tattoo artists were welcomed, and many took advantage of their special offers to get a cheap tattoo. Joe, a crazy horror fan from Worcester, decided to get his face tattooed on his ass and dedicated it to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. What a nice guy!

Any lucky fan that attended the Rock and Shock Weekend had the opportunity to meet celebrities from some of their favorite horror movies or publications. Among the celebs at the Rock and Shock Fest were: George A. Romero, director of critically acclaimed movies such as *Dawn of the Dead*, *Night of the Living Dead*, and *Land of the Dead*, Adrienne Barbeau, Charlie Cyphers, stars of *The Fog*, Jeffrey Combs, star of *Re-Animator*, Sid Haig, Bill Moseley, Steve Railsback, and Ken Foree, stars of *The Devil's Rejects*, Gary Klar and Joe Pilato, stars of the original *Dawn of the Dead*, Andrew Divoff, star of *Wishmaster*, Jonathan Breck,

star of *Jeepers Creepers*, Ashley Laurence, star of *HellRaiser*, and Eugene Clark, star of *Land of the Dead*. I was particularly star-struck when I met Divoff, since I'm a huge *Wishmaster* fan and was extremely impressed with his custom-designed Wishmaster rings made of pure silver. Each of them sold for \$250.00. Meeting all of these celebrities was a real honor and privilege.

The best feature of the convention was the horror sculptures designed by Rhode Island native Neal DeConte, who owns and runs Horror Idols, Inc. Among his vast collection were Jason Voorhees, Freddy Krueger, the Creeper (*Jeepers Creepers*), the Creature, and my personal favorites: Pinhead, Chatterer, and Butterball from *HellRaiser*. According to DeConte, each sculpture required a minimum of 250-300 hours of careful detailing. He was currently working on a sculpture of the Creeper, on which he had already spent 75 hours of detailing. DeConte has made sculptures for several horror films, including *Jeepers Creepers*. Once finished with his work, he either sells them or gives them to the actor, which is his way of saying "thanks" for bringing that character to life for fans. For the lucky customer who is able to obtain a piece of his spectacular work, each sculpture comes with an official autograph of the actor who had played the character.

107.3 WAAF, who had their Mantown girls ready to sign the new 2006 Calendars, again sponsored the Convention. The musical aspect of Rock and Shock was held at the nearby Palladium with some popular Death/Black Metal bands. They included Turbonegro, Devil Driver, God Forbid, The Haunted, God Dethroned, Deadites, A Dozen Furies, Mensrea, Zombie Apocalypse, Hell Within, Meshuggah, and Gwar.

Don't worry if you missed the Convention on Columbus Day Weekend. They will be back again next year!

Rocking Good Times at the Palladium

Jeff Moffett
Layout Manager

One thing I love about Worcester is that it is able to accommodate any type of show. We have the DCU center, for acts requiring large venues. Then we have the Palladium just down the street. There is a downstairs stage that can hold a couple thousand people. This is suitable for some smaller acts. The Palladium also has an upstairs, which is perfect for more obscure bands with smaller crowds. Each of these venues has its pros and cons. I personally love shows upstairs in the Palladium because they are so small and intimate. You really feel close to the bands that are playing.

I had the privilege on October 17 to experience one of the best shows of my life. The first band that played, Watch Them Die, rocked my socks off. This band definitely came out full throttle and set a good tempo for the rest of the night. They had a very charismatic front man who would have stolen the show, if it were not for the bassist. This guy looked like a madman. His eyes truly made him look like he was possessed. This band had the misfortune of playing first; meaning a large part of the crowd yet to arrive. Watch them Die

still was able to rock the small collection of people that were fortunate enough to arrive early.

The next band, Crisis, was a decent show. If it were my choice I would have named the band Dredz. Everyone in the band except for the drummer had long, thick dreadlocks. The singers ran all the way down to her feet. The singer of Crisis is pretty much metals answer to Gwen Stefani. She was overtly energetic, jumping everywhere on stage. She definitely commands a level of respect. As much as I wanted to get into Crisis however, I couldn't wait for them to finish so that the next band, 3 Inches of Blood, could perform. They were merely an obstacle in my way to hearing the next band.

The show really went into high gear when 3 Inches of Blood came on the stage. The band played nearly every song off their most recent release, "Advance and Vanquish". These guys just have an amazing stage presence and gave everything that they had into their performance, and the crowd responded in kind. This band, in my opinion, is one of the forerunners in the rebirth of heavy metal. Highlights of their set include the songs

"Wykydtron", "Kill the Orcs", and the crowd favorite, "Deadly Sinner". By the end of their 45 minute set, I was completely exhausted, and I still had the headliner Exodus to contend with. And that is no small task.

After a small delay, Exodus finally took the stage. This band has been around for decades, ruling supreme with bands like Slayer as thrash metal titans. Though the band has added some new blood to the roster, they are still kicking ass and taking names. The band came out in full force and didn't give in until their set had finished. I did not enjoy the set as much as I could of though, since I had given everything to the 3 Inches of Blood set. The rest of the crowd did not share my lack of stamina and stepped up to the challenge of rocking with one of the godfathers of metal.

All in all, this was an amazing night. Old school metal and new school metal were united under one banner. Both rocked equally hard. When all was said and done, however, 3 Inches of Blood reigned supreme, at least in my book.

SIFE Receives \$500 Donation from Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2005, the WSC SIFE team and the Department of Business Administration and Economics welcomed Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc., a division of Albertsons. Mr. William Mullen, Regional Recruiter, Ms. Ann M. Earnest, PHR, Associate Relations Manager, and Ms. Patricia m. DelNegro, PHR, Human Resources Manager, and other WSC faculty and administration, and SIFE team members were present. Dr. David Caruso opened with welcoming the representatives of Shaw's to WSC. Mr. Mullen presented a \$500 check to Keith Taverna,

SIFE president. The donation will assist the SIFE team with their projects this year.

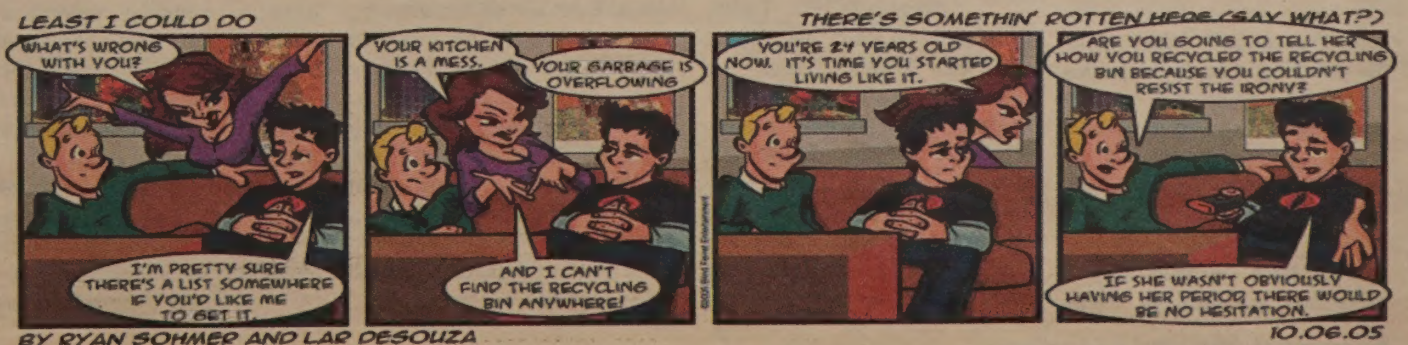
SIFE, Students in Free Enterprise, is an international organization that is represented on over 800 college and university campuses in the U.S. and over 1,500 campuses around the world. SIFE teams take on projects in community service to learn and teach free market economics, success skills, financial literacy skills, business ethics, and entrepreneurship.

Last April 2005, the WSC SIFE team competed at their first SIFE regional competition, where they took home an award for First Runner Up and Rookie of the Year. Impressed with their performance, Shaw's offered to support the team's upcoming and existing projects.

The SIFE team is a fascinating and worthwhile way to achieve experience for future success. In their second year they have already increased members, have expanded their Business Advisory board, and have exciting projects lined up. SIFE is always looking for new fun and energetic members to join from all majors, and are welcomed to take part in few or multiple projects. For more information about the WSC SIFE team, please contact, Steven Economu, SIFE Recruiting Officer, at seconomou@worchester.edu or Keith Taverna, SIFE president, at Ktaverna@worchester.edu.

If you would like to submit an album, artist, or performance review, please send it to:

studentvoice@worchester.edu.



Haunted Happenings at Worcester State College

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

While you're sleeping soundly in your dorm tonight consider the poor souls unable to go to their rest because they must forever wander the halls of Worcester State College. At least 2 unquiet spirits are rumored to be resident here, and several people have testimony to that effect.

Kaine Thompson, PR Executive for the college has her office on the fourth floor of the Admin building, allegedly the most haunted part of the campus.

"I was working late one night so I was the only one here on the fourth floor and I heard someone coming down the hallway. There were noticeable footsteps so I was waiting for somebody to come into the office, but nobody came. So I got up and came out and I looked everywhere. Nobody had come down the stairs, nobody had used the elevator. There was nobody here."

Thompson admits that there could be a rational explanation for what she heard but is keeping an open mind. "I didn't know what to make of it, but there are lots of reasons why it might not be a ghost." With members of the custodial staff revealing that they too have had unexplainable experiences in the building, Thompson is slightly curious.

"I did recall that some of the custodial staff told me that they didn't like to work up here at night because of the ghost. And I said what does the ghost do? They said the doors would just start swinging, and another one told me that the elevator would come up and open but nobody would come out."

However, Thompson is reluctant to have more conclusive proof revealed to her.

"I can handle swinging doors and footsteps," she says, "but apparitions I could do without."

It's unlikely that anyone could deny that the Admin building does have a different,

almost oppressive atmosphere to other, newer parts of the college; although that could just be due to the fact that it has stood since 1932. However, with several people all claiming to have had supernatural experiences in the same part of the building, it does give the stories credibility.

A member of the Maintenance department who wished to remain anonymous repeated his experiences while unable to give rational explanation for them.

"I was cleaning the offices upstairs and for no reason at all the books fell down and I said 'wow something's happening here' and I moved to the other room. I came back later on and saw more books on the floor. Another day I saw the [swinging doors] open and I said 'maybe it's the wind' but this was half past eleven, everyone's gone. I sat here waiting to see if the door opened again and it started to go slowly, slowly."

While admitting that the experiences were disturbing, he felt that perhaps he was being too hasty in thinking them supernatural in origin, until three weeks ago.

"I was on my way around locking the doors at five minutes past eleven, and as I shone the light I heard somebody screaming [on the higher floors]. I went all the way to the fourth floor and there was nobody there. Nobody was up there."

Although not overly unnerved by his experiences, this source now has no doubt in his mind that something inhabits the upper floors of Admin once the students have departed.

Richard Oberist certainly believes that something unusual is happening once the lights go down in the Admin building, although whether it is supernatural he feels is open to investigation. A member of the Night Services department, he even has an alleged ghostly picture taken on the third floor although to further deepen the mystery, he doesn't know who took it as it just seemed to appear one day.

"I'm up here a lot of hours and a lot of nights and I hear noises here and there and I try and explain them as old building noises, plumbing noises, etc. Other people have said they have been frightened by sounds such as closing doors, but if these life after death experiences are real I feel we should have figured it that part of it out or come to some conclusion a long time ago, so I don't know."

Even the much newer dorm buildings have not escaped the spooky happenings. One resident who didn't want to give her name for fear of ridicule stated:

"Last year in Chandler Village we heard noises coming through our house, but everyone was in their rooms so we figured it was the ghost who a long time ago committed suicide. There were noises throughout the whole house and everybody was calling each other trying to figure out who was making the noises but it wasn't any of us."

So while all these experiences may not point to conclusive proof of a haunted campus, they certainly unnerved the people who experienced them and gave them some tales to recall with the lights low on All Hallow's Eve.



A Chance for Change

Bridgette Rajaniemi
Business Manager

The North, through financial institutions and international banks, has essentially enslaved Southern countries with unbearable debt. Under the guise of "development projects" billions upon billions of dollars were lent recklessly to mainly corrupt Southern governments in South Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. This money often went directly into the personal bank accounts of the corrupt leaders who accepted the loans. When the money was actually used for "development" projects, which often included building dams, roads, irrigation technology and pipelines, the effects often caused more damage than they fixed. Dams would flood entire communities, leaving thousands of families without homes or livelihoods. For example, the World Bank loaned Ghana \$47 million dollars to build a dam which eventually flooded four percent of the country and necessitated the U.N. providing emergency relief for six years.

Knowing full well that these governments would never be able to pay back these loans, the Northern countries and international banks now had a legal way to control the land, resources and people of these countries and open them up to foreign interests, even at the expense of the citizens of these nations. Between 1984 and 1990, the Global South had paid \$178 billion to private banks; in 2003 alone \$23.63 billion was paid by developing countries. The interest that continues to be added to the total debt ensures that the Global South will remain in a vulnerable, fixed position of poverty. As countries began to be crushed under the insurmountable debt, they began to default on their loans. Other international banks and organizations, such as IMF, swooped in and loaned them more money to pay off their debts but this time with strings attached. These organizations demanded the countries to open their borders for foreign investors, reduce the spending on healthcare and schools, cut government jobs, lower wages and privatize public sectors.

Through intentional reckless lending, the Global North was able to bury the Global South in debt, and gain political control of their countries.

The South is now beginning to fight back. They are calling for unconditional and total debt cancellation for all South countries. They are in fact asserting that they are the creditors! The countries of the North have plundered their land and resources, profiting immensely, and therefore owe the South for the resources they have taken.

This is one of the major social injustices of our time, and we as students are in a position to take action, and make a difference. Also, as citizens or residents of the United States, we are profiting from this oppression, as the U.S. is one of the biggest lenders. An interesting and disheartening thing to note, even the debt of the tsunami ravaged countries will not be forgiven completely.

Worcester State College will be holding a conference on December 9th and 10th to draft a document which will propose a plan for debt cancellation. Recently a similar convention was held in Havana, Cuba but the document that came out of that conference had been weakened beyond use by the North. This is a chance for you to make a difference; to get involved and learn about a major issue facing our generation. A more detailed description of the conference, its' schedule of events and a list of speakers will be provided in the next edition. However to get more information Contact Professor Dennis Brutus in the center for the Study of Human Rights on the third floor of the Sullivan building, or contact Professor Henry Theriault in the philosophy department, also on the third floor of the Sullivan building. Drop by or send an E-mail. A student group is being created to help organize and facilitate the conference and if you want to help please contact Professor Theriault or Professor Brutus.

Finding Your Future with Career Service

Jackie Sproul
Contributor

Okay, so here's the deal. You are working hard, getting good grades, doing that part-time job that pays the bills, and finally its graduation time. But what happened? You start looking for that "better job/career position" and employers just aren't biting. What's missing? This isn't exactly the way you planned your next steps after college.

Employers ask, "What experience do you have in this type of position?" "What skills do you have that relate to this position?" "Did you do an internship?" "Out of the twelve people we are interviewing for this position, why should we hire you?"

Now you might be looking back on your college experience and thinking, "Why

didn't I use that Career Services office?"

"Convincing students to start using our resources early is one of our biggest challenges," says Ms. Jackie Sproul, Director of Career Services. "Most of the students we see here at Worcester State College have never seen a Career Counselor or thought about developing a specific career plan. We encourage students to begin meeting with us no later than second semester of their first year."

There are two Career Counselors on staff. Ms. Sproul and Ms. Dianne Matos are available by appointment to assist students in developing a plan for career success, whether that involves entering a profession upon graduation or continuing on to graduate/professional school. Ms. Dianna Aquafresca staffs the reception desk and

also administers MAT and CLEP testing services.

Ms. Matos says, "What I find the most rewarding about my work is being able to share the wealth of career information and resources that are available for undergraduates and alumni who are confused about how to choose – and then achieve – the career path that is a good fit for them." She also enjoys empowering these individuals by assisting them with self-assessment, choosing a major, resumes, cover letters, interview skills and more.

Ms. Matos would like students to know that they always have more career options available to them than they think they do. "Start the career decision-making process with what you would like to do for a career, rather than with what you think you are limited to doing," she encourages.

Internships are also a major focus for the office. The internship database, available on the Career Services' website, www.fac.worcester.edu/careerservices, lists close to three hundred internship opportunities with over two hundred organizations. This summer a new page was added to the website that focuses on international internships.

Ms. Sproul says, "We know that students who participate in experiential learning, including internships, typically are more successful in achieving their career goals after graduation, and are able to negotiate higher salaries than their inexperienced counterparts. The days of a college diploma alone as a key to career success are gone. That's why our services are more important than ever!"

Career Services and

the Career Resource Center are located on the third floor of the Student Center. Appointments can be made by visiting the office or by calling 929.8072.




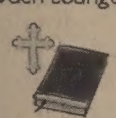





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November



Student Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day Mass 12pm, Foster (sponsored by Campus Ministry) TWA Salsa Lessons SHL, 7-9pm	2 SEC Movie: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory 1pm, OLP CAB & SEC: Movie Trivia Gameshow N/S @ 8pm	3 Chartwells Battle of Student Chefs, EA 12-1pm "Rock Box" LVTV Studio, 7:30pm Open Mic Night, 8pm OLP (Spon by Stu. Act) "Happy Hour" (LIVE) LVTV Studio, 8:00pm	4 SEC Movie: War of the Worlds, 8:30 pm, OLP Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays SHL, 8-11pm	5 SEC Trip: Shear Madness (Boston), 3:30pm 
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20 SEC Movie: Skelton Key, 9pm, SHL Catholic Mass Dowden Lounge, 6pm	21 SOTA Bake Sale Sci & Tech, 9am-1pm  Surreal Games X-Box Night 7-10pm, OLP	22	23	24	25	26 
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				CMH: Campus Ministry House OLP: One Lancer Place ST: Science & Tech DHL: Dowden Hall N/S: North/South Auditorium SHL: Seven Hills Lounge		BL: Blue Lounge WH: Wasylean Hall SC: Student Center SB: Snack Bar EA: Exhibit Area

A Passion for Action

Pete Cormier & Banjo Olaniyan
Contributors

Forming a nonprofit organization is easier than you think. We should know, we each formed a nonprofit organization while students at WSC.

As graduate students in the Nonprofit Management program at WSC, we each began our studies last year with a passion for a program that each of us wanted to develop. During the process, we found the teaching staff and students supportive of our respective visions. Our professors encouraged us to share our progress in the classroom and our fellow students provided feedback and encouragement. The curriculum tied in nicely, especially with courses like financial management and strategic planning which provided practical guidance for budgeting and planning activities.

Now, the *Sterling Music Exchange Inc. (SME)* and *Fairbridge Project International Inc. (FPI)* are both registered with the state as nonprofit corporations. Both organizations have developed bylaws, both have elected boards of directors and

both organizations are now busily involved with delivering on their respective mission statements. This summer SME obtained the all important 501(c)(3) tax exempt status necessary for fund raising and FPI is in the process of applying for the same designation.

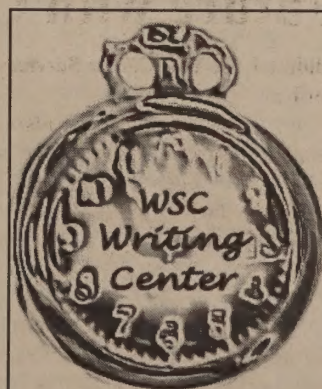
SME founded by Pete Cormier, provides young adult musicians with opportunities to perform at both informal and formal events and in the process, encourages community service and social awareness. SME is made up of over 50 young adult musicians and volunteers who have performed at 15 events during the last 18 months including a wedding, an Art Show and an upcoming gig at Mechanics Hall. Last year, SME partnered with the WSC Women's Forum to hold two screenings the film documentary, *Senorita Extraviada - Missing Young Women*, which calls attention to the hundreds of unsolved crimes against women in Juarez, Mexico. SME will be co-hosting an event at Assumption College on November 3 which includes a film screening and a performance by SME musicians. See www.sterlingmusic.com for more info.

FPI founded by Banjo Olaniyan, seeks to empower local African Americans while maintaining strong connections with their native country and

hopes to reduce poverty, illiteracy and health problems in African communities. FPI has developed an organization in Worcester as well as in Ogun State and Lagos State, both in Nigeria. Recently, Banjo received a phone call from a friend in England asking to set up a Fairbridge parallel organization in England. FPI helped to develop the memorandum of Association and the bylaws needed for registration based on the Charity Commission laws and successfully assisted Life Line-Community Support in becoming an incorporated nonprofit in England and Wales. FPI is presently involved in developing partnerships with many other nonprofit organizations within the US and across Africa. See www.fairbridgeproject.org for more info.

One of the big supporters of these two new nonprofits is Stephen Willand, Ph.D., Director of Workforce Development at the City of Worcester and adjunct professor in the Nonprofit Management program at WSC who encouraged us to make presentations in his classroom. Dr. Willand was also an invited speaker at a special ceremony in September when SME was presented a Gold Star Award by the Massachusetts Cultural Council for being one of 12 projects state wide that were recognized for innovation in bringing arts into the community.

If you are interested in starting a nonprofit organization, we urge you to act on your passion. Information is available at www.sec.state.ma.us/cor/ which tells you what you need to do to register a new nonprofit with the Massachusetts Secretary of State. We also invite you to contact either of us for more information on how you can act on your passion. Contact Pete at petecormier@comcast.net or Banjo at bbet2004@aol.com.



Do you want to improve your writing? Come to the Writing Center! The center offers peer tutoring, writing resources, workshops, and more. It is located in Sullivan 302. Hours are Monday-Thursday 9-3, Friday 9-1, and Monday and Wednesday nights from 5-8. Call 929-8112 to make an appointment or just stop by. Be sure to check out the website at www.worcester.edu/owl

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Falling into Place



Upcoming Worcester State Sport Events

Football:

1:30 P.M. October 29
vs. Bridgewater State

12:00 P.M. November 5
@ Fitchburg State

Field Hockey:

3:00 P.M. October 25
@ Becker College

3:30 P.M. October 27
@ Framingham State

10:00 A.M. October 29
vs. Fitchburg State

Mens Soccer:

7:00 P.M. October 25
vs. Framingham State

7:00 P.M. October 28
@ Westfield State

Womens Soccer:

4:00 P.M. October 25
@ UMASS Dartmouth

7:00 P.M. October 28
vs. Westfield State

Volleyball:

6:00 P.M. October 25
@ Keene State

Cross Country

October 29
Alliance Championships

November 5
New England Regionals

With winter creeping up, the fall athletic season is gradually coming to an end. For the most part, all eight fall sports teams have experienced successful seasons.

The football team has had a tremendous season, compiling a record of five wins and two losses. Even more impressively is that the Lancers started off slowly this season by losing their first two games, and have since strung together a five game winning streak including a 37-0 shutout against Framingham State. Led by senior captains Jeremy Gaucher and Paul Ivanoski as well as junior captain Jailson Silva, the team has been destroying their opponents of late. The Lancers most recently defeated Mass Maritime College 27-7. What made the win so impressive were the conditions under which the game was won. With terrible winds and seemingly non-stop rain, Worcester State College was forced to remove students from the residence halls. While the majority of people were leaving Worcester, the football team braved the conditions and quickly disposed of Mass Maritime College. The Lancers were in control the entire game and would have had their second straight shutout if it was not for a late fourth quarter touchdown by Mass Maritime. The Lancers hope to improve upon their 5-2 record with upcoming games against Maine Maritime, Bridgewater State, and Fitchburg State.

Contrastingly, a team that has had a mediocre season up to this point has been the field hockey team. Led by seniors Andrea McAllister, Becky Adcock, Courtney Vogel, Megan Conley, and Angela Notaro, the team has compiled a record of

five wins and eight losses. The Lancers still have a chance to finish with a record above .500 if they can win their final five games against Framingham State, Western Connecticut, Keene State, Becker, and Fitchburg State.

Women's tennis made a return to Worcester athletics this fall season. The team consisted of senior Eri Sugiyama; juniors Michelle McGowan, Amanda Barker, and Danielle Duval; sophomores Krystyna Kozalowski, Allison Dodge, and Yamaria Acosta; and freshmen Laura Clifford and Britney Cullen. The team, as expected, had a difficult introductory season with a record of one win and four losses. However, in their one win they defeated MCLA by an impressive 9-0. The Lancers hope to finish on a high note with a win against Clark University.

Another team that is having a great season is the men's soccer team. Senior captains Geordie Sanborn and Max McDonough have helped lead the team to a 10-3 record. The Lancers still have games against Framingham State, Salem State, Bridgewater State, and Westfield State before they participate in the MASCAC playoffs. Not to be outdone, the women's soccer team has also had great season thus far. Seniors Anna Gorss, Lauren Mislak, Jackie Kelly, and Kristine Goncalves have provided great leadership to the young team, and have helped pace the Lancers to a 7-3-1 record. The women still have upcoming games against Framingham State, Salem State, Bridgewater State, UMass Dartmouth, and Westfield State, which finishes off the regular season.

The women's volleyball team has had an exciting season

thus far. Even with an extremely young team, the Lancers have built a record of 11 wins and 10 losses. The women still have four more matches left in the regular season, and hope to build on their two-game winning streak, which includes 3-0 wins against Becker and Salem State.

The golf team has had an exceptional season this year. They opened the fall season against Elms College, and came in third place. They followed it up with a second place finish against UMass Dartmouth. That is when Worcester strung together a streak of three weak finishes including a fifteenth place finish against Williams College. The men quickly stopped the bleeding by finishing in third place against Rhode Island College. After competing in the New England Championship, the golf team's season is over until springtime rolls around again.

The cross country team's season is a bit different than the rest of its fall counterparts. Thus far the men's team finished in fifth and the women have a fourth place finish in their tri-state invitation which was held on October first. Because inclement weather forced the cancellation of their October 15th meet, their next meet will be the MASCAC Championship on October 22.

The Voice would like to congratulate all of the fall athletic teams on their successful seasons.

Fall Sports Standings

Team	W - L - T
Football	5 - 2 - 0
Field Hockey	6 - 8 - 0
Men's Soccer	10 - 3 - 1
Women's Soccer	8 - 4 - 1
Tennis	1 - 4 - 1
Volleyball	11 - 13 - 1

Standings are as of press time. Golf and Cross-Country standings were unavailable.

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